

## **FOREWORD**

This manual provides an overview of Sections 404 and 401 of the Clean Water Act, as they apply to Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) activities.

Compliance with Sections 404 and 401 is required for ADOT activities that involve the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the US.

The manual also provides general guidance on the preparation of jurisdictional delineations, Nationwide Permit preconstruction notification submittals, and Individual Permit applications. The intended audience includes all ADOT personnel (staff and consultants).

Applicable regulations, guidance documents, and forms are cited and/or included in the manual, with document dates, print dates, and sources identified in the References section as appropriate. Although the manual will be periodically updated by the ADOT Environmental & Enhancement Group to address regulatory and guidance modifications, as well as changes in ADOT policy, it is the responsibility of the reader to identify and comply with current standards.

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